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SUBJECT: OPERATION CLEARVIEW/SEAM 75: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS FOR
APRIL 24-30, 1975

REFS: A) MEXICO 3778; B) MEXICO 3673

1. ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION SUMMARY;

A. ALL MFJP PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE ERADICATION PROGRAM IN THE STATES OF SINALOA, DURANGO, SONORA AND CHIHUAHUA HAVE NOW BEEN CONCENTRATED IN THE CITIES OF MAZATLAN, LOS MOCHIS AND CULIACAN. AS OF APRIL 29 , 1975, ALL MEXICAN ARMY PERSONNEL WERE AT THE ADVANCE BASES OF CHOIX, TOPIA AND SAN JOSE DEL LLANO. THE POPPY ERADICATION PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN HAS THUS ENDED, ALTHOUGH SOME 30 MFJP AGENTS WILL BE KEPT ON IN CULIACAN, FOR ROADBLOCK ACTIVITY, RESIDUAL ERADICATION, ETC.

B. IN THE INTERDICTION PROGRAM, THE MFJP WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ROADBLOCKS WITH THE ADDITION OF PERSONNEL COMING
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IN FROM THE MOUNTAINS. ONLY ONE ARREST WAS MADE DURING

THE REPORTING PERIOD. HOWEVER, WE ANTICIPATE THAT INTERDICTION
ACTIVITY NOW WILL BE STEPPED UP CONSIDERABLY.

C. ON APRIL 30, 1975, ANNUAL LEAVE WAS ISSUED TO FIFTEEN
MFJP AGENTS WHO WILL BE RETURNING TO CULIACAN.

D. TWO HELICOPTERS (212S) HAVE BEEN FLOWN TO MEXICO CITY
FOR INSPECTION AND REPAIRS. THEY WILL BE FLOWN BACK TO CULIACAN
WHERE THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED TEMPORARILY. ONE NEW 212
HELICOPTER ARRIVED IN CULIACAN.

E. U.S. SUPPLIED ARMS STILL HAVE NOT ARRIVED IN CULIACAN.
(FOR EXPLANATION OF THIS PROBLEM, SEE MEXICO 3778).

2. STATISTICS

A. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

NONE AVAILABLE FOR APRIL 22-30. WE NOW AWAIT THE FINAL REPORT
OF GLOBAL DESTRUCTION.

B. CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS

(SAME AS PREVIOUS REPORT -- SEE MEXICO 3673).

C. INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

THE ONLY CHANGE DURING REPORTING PERIOD WAS ONE ARREST,
PLUS SEIZURE OF TWO MARIJUANA PRESSES, SIX HYDRAULIC JACKS
AND OTHER MARIJUANA PACKAGING EQUIPMENT.

D. CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION STATISTICS

(SAME AS PREVIOUS, WITH EXCEPTIONS REPORTED ABOVE).

3. COMMENTS:

SOME MFJP PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN GIVEN ANNUAL LEAVE WITH ORDE
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TO RETURN TO CULIACAN IN FIFTEEN DAYS. THERE ARE RUMORS
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THAT THE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO CUL ACAN WILL BE INVOLVED
IN THE ERADICATION OF MARIJUANA PLANTS IN THE MONTHS OF
JUNE AND JULY. THIS SEEMS QUITE LOGICAL TO US, AND IS IN
KEEPING WITH THE NARCOT CS NONTROL ACTION PROGRAM. IN
ADDITION, THERE WILL BE SOME MINOR POPPY ERADICATION ACTIVITY
CARRIED OUT IN ISOLATED SPOTS DURING THE SUMMER.
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